



2016



MONTANA School Nutrition Programs



Fueling Success in the School Day



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45%

OF MONTANA STUDENTS QUALIFY FOR FREE
OR REDUCED PRICE SCHOOL MEALS



MT SCHOOLS SERVE
19 MILLION
MEALS A YEAR



88%

of schools that offer lunch also
OFFER BREAKFAST



53%

SCHOOLS OFFER FREE MEALS TO
ALL STUDENTS THROUGH THE
COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY
PROVISION (CEP)



\$46,011,609

REIMBURSEMENT TO MONTANA
SCHOOLS

The Montana Office of Public Instruction (OPI) School Nutrition Programs administers eight U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Child Nutrition Programs:

- National School Lunch Program
- School Breakfast Program
- Afterschool Snack Program
- Special Milk Program
- Summer Food Service Program
- USDA Food Distribution Program
- Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program
- Montana Team Nutrition Program

School Nutrition Programs reimburse schools and distributes USDA Foods for meals served to children, teaches workshops for school personnel, ensures that schools implement federal regulations, and provides nutrition education for students.

Sponsors include public and private schools, government agencies, and nonprofit residential child care institutions, organizations, and camps.

VISION

Our vision is to help every student succeed through equal access to nutritious and sustainable sources of food.

MISSION

To ensure that schools serve healthy meals, promote active lifestyles, and provide nutrition education through the USDA's Child Nutrition Programs.

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VALUES



*access
community
health
integrity
safety
support*

— access —

FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE MEAL BENEFITS

In Montana, *67,541* students qualify for Free and Reduced-Price Meals.

DIRECT CERTIFICATION FOR FREE MEALS

Direct Certification is the process that identifies students already enrolled in other assistance programs (SNAP, TANF, FDPIR, Foster, Homeless, Migrant, Runaway).

95 percent of students receiving SNAP benefits are directly certified to receive free meals at school.

COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROVISION (CEP)

Schools and districts with a high rate of Direct Certification are eligible to operate Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), which provides free meals to all students. Schools that elect to operate the CEP are reimbursed for meals served based on their rates of Direct Certification.

96 percent of schools eligible for the CEP adopted the provision.

CIVIL RIGHTS IN SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAMS

School nutrition programs are open to all children. School districts notify the public that they offer meals at school on an annual basis, and personnel complete civil rights training each year.

—community—

FARM TO SCHOOL

40 percent of Montana school districts participate in Farm to School activities.

EQUIPMENT GRANTS

11 capital equipment grants of *\$5,000/each* were provided to local schools by the OPI.

MEAL REIMBURSEMENT

\$46,011,609 for meals served in Montana schools.

SUPPORTING RURAL COMMUNITIES

Federal Child Nutrition Program funds support at least one food service job in *268* Montana communities.

School food service directors purchase foods from the local grocery stores and local producers.

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SCHOOL WELLNESS POLICIES

All school districts are required by law to have an active School Wellness Policy that is assessed for effectiveness once every three years. The policy gives the local population an opportunity to shape the school health atmosphere. School staff, administration, school boards, parents, food service staff, and students should all be involved in the development of the policy.

MEAL PATTERNS

100 percent of Montana school districts meet the menu pattern set by the Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010. All Montana students have access to more fruits, vegetables, and whole grains.

SMART SNACKS IN SCHOOLS

Smart Snacks in Schools ensure that foods sold during the school day meet healthy guidelines.

— integrity —

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEWS

Administrative Reviews ensure school districts operate programs according to the rules set by Congress. School Nutrition Programs completed 89 Administrative Reviews in 2016. This equals *1,068 hours* spent working one-on-one with district staff.

All school districts are reviewed *every three years* to ensure program integrity.

SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM REVIEWS

41 Summer Food Service Program Reviews completed = 121 hours spent working with program sponsors.

All sponsors are reviewed *every three years* to ensure program integrity.

DIRECT CERTIFICATION GRANT

The Direct Certification Application (DCA) system is a software interface that matches students enrolled in school with children receiving assistance from state agencies.

95 percent of students receive benefits from a means tested program (SNAP, TANF, FDPIR, Homeless, Runaway, Migrant) are directly certified for free meals at school.

VERIFICATION OF FREE/REDUCED MEAL BENEFITS

Free and reduced-price applications require annual verification of 3 percent of applications submitted. In 2016, 204 LEAs completed verification.

— safety —

FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENT INSPECTIONS

Districts that serve food are licensed and inspected. USDA requests that school foodservice establishments receive two inspections each year. State licensing provides one inspection.

417 report two inspections • 286 report one inspection • 116 report no inspection

USDA FOODS

School nutrition programs use foods supplied from American agricultural producers.

BUY AMERICAN PROVISIONS

Districts must purchase, to the maximum extent practicable, domestic commodities or products. Solicitations, contracts, and product specifications must include Buy American language.

LOCAL MEAT USING USDA/STATE INSPECTED FACILITY

Districts may serve meat from local farmers and ranchers as long as it has been processed at a state or federally inspected facility.

HAZARD ANALYSIS AND CRITICAL CONTROL POINT (HACCP) PLANS

Districts are required to implement a food safety program for the preparation and service of school meals.

SERVSAFE CERTIFICATION

Food service directors are certified food service protection managers. Each director attends an eight-hour food safety training and completes a nationally recognized food safety exam every five years.

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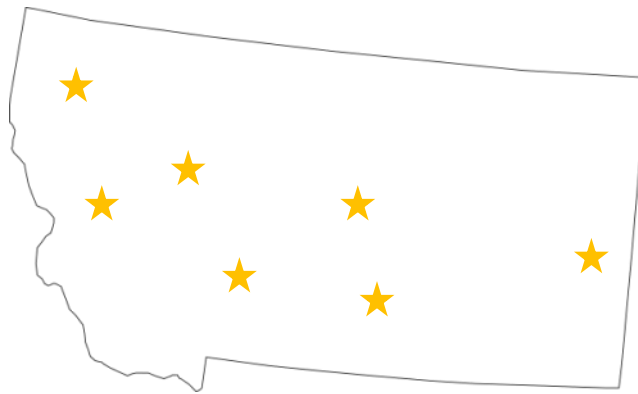
PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

86 hours of continuing education provided by MT Team Nutrition Program

28 hours of continuing education provided by OPI School Nutrition Programs


REGIONAL OPI AND TEAM NUTRITION STAFF

OPI School Nutrition Programs and Team Nutrition have staff located around the state to better serve Montana's rural areas.



FREE AND REDUCED DATA

School districts use free and reduced-price meal data to qualify for a number of additional funding sources. These include: **E Rates, Title 1, and Grants.**



STUDENTS
+
SCHOOL MEALS

=

Success in the
School Day

PROGRAMS

	DISTRICTS/ SPONSORS	SITES
School Breakfast Program	226	728
National School Lunch Program	257	822
Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program	116	177
After-school Snack Program	103	259
Special Milk Program	16	21
USDA Foods	255	—
Summer Food Service Program	97	220
MT Team Nutrition	ALL	ALL

SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM

The School Breakfast Program provides reimbursement for breakfasts served to students during the school day.



5.8 MILLION

BREAKFASTS SERVED

Reimbursement Rates

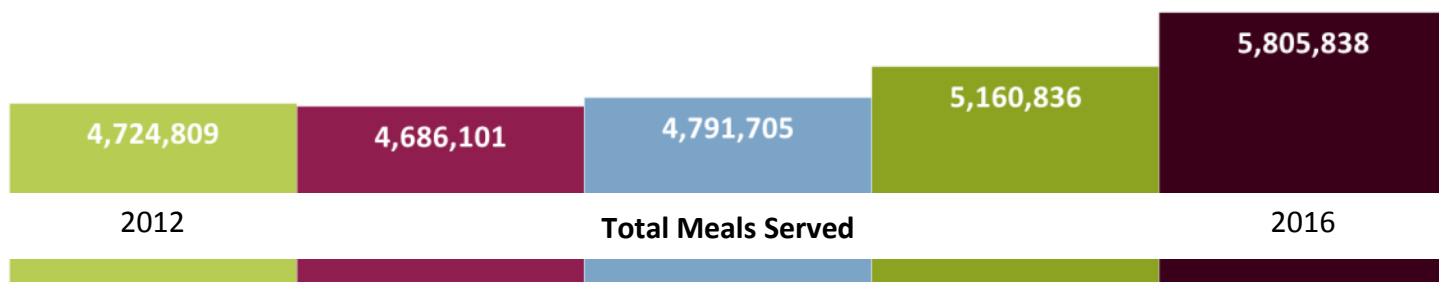
SY 15-16

	Severe Need	Regular
Free	1.99	1.66
Reduced	1.69	1.36
Paid	0.29	0.29

88%

of schools that offer lunch also

OFFER BREAKFAST



32,255

STUDENTS EAT BREAKFAST AT SCHOOL EACH DAY

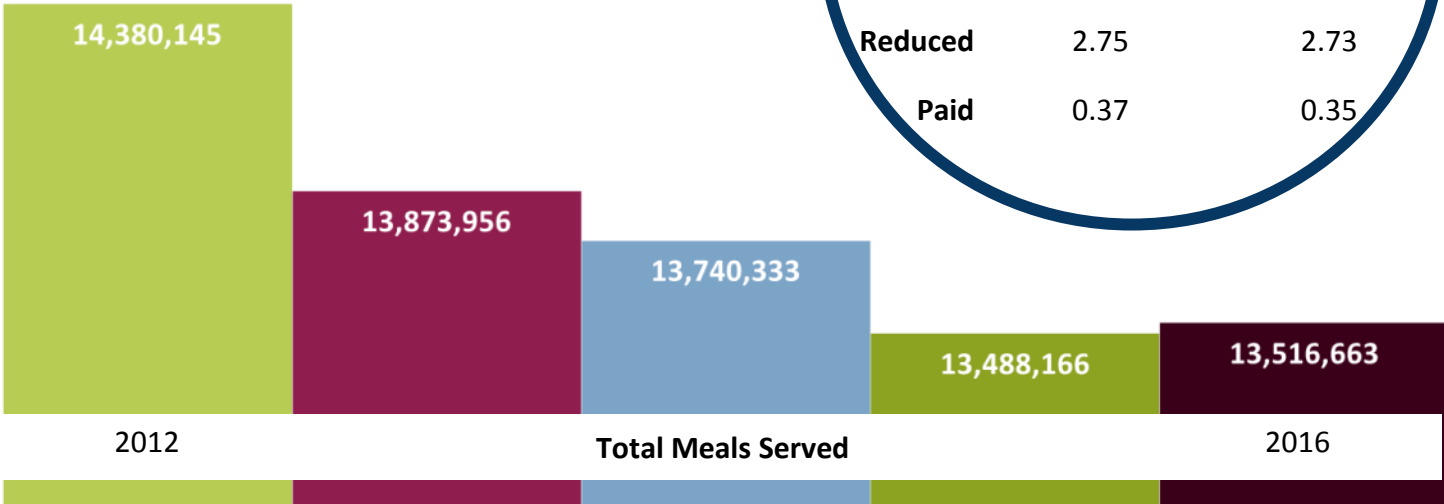
NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

The National School Lunch Program provides reimbursement for lunches served to students during the school day.



45% of MT students qualify for
FREE /REDUCED meals

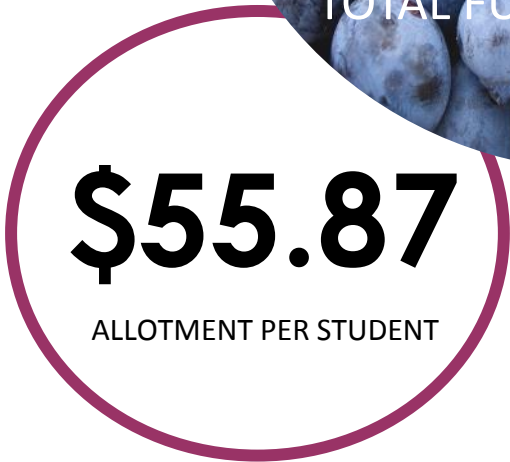
Reimbursement Rates SY 15-16		
	Severe Need	Regular
Free	3.15	3.13
Reduced	2.75	2.73
Paid	0.37	0.35



75,093
STUDENTS EACH LUNCH AT SCHOOL EACH DAY

FRESH FRUIT & VEGETABLE PROGRAM

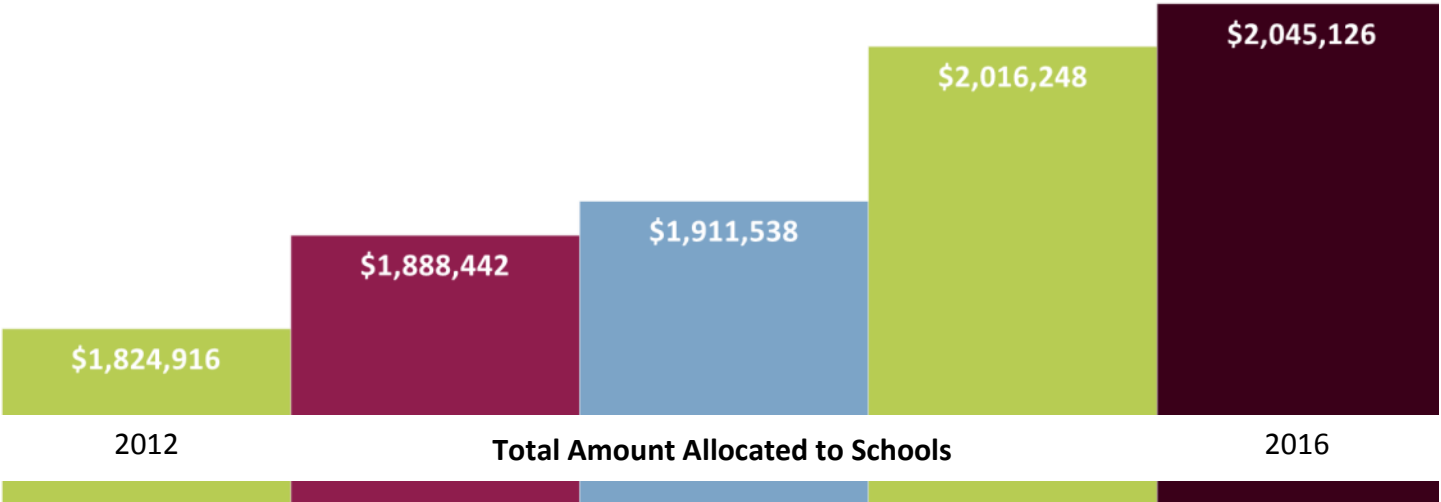
The Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program provides funds to elementary schools for fresh fruit and vegetable snacks during the school day.



86%

of eligible schools in poverty areas

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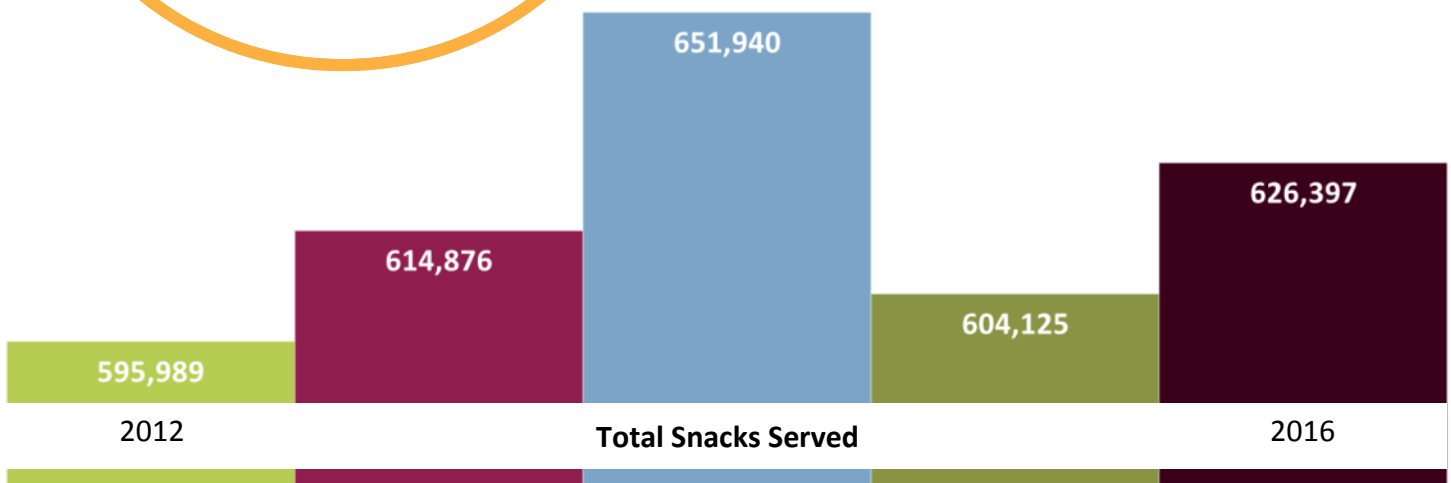
AFTERSCHOOL SNACK PROGRAM

The Afterschool Snack Program provides snacks to students in education and enrichment activities after school.



**Reimbursement Rates
SY 15-16**

	Area-Eligible	Non-Area Eligible
Free	0.84	0.84
Reduced	—	0.42
Paid	—	0.07



3,480

STUDENTS EAT A SNACK AFTER SCHOOL EACH DAY

SPECIAL MILK PROGRAM

The Special Milk Program provides reimbursement for milk served at schools that do not offer the National School Lunch Program or Summer Food Service Program.



78,035
PINTS OF MILK SERVED

Reimbursement Rates SY 15-16

	All Milk	Paid Milk	Free Milk
Pricing w/o Free	0.20	N/A	N/A
Pricing w/ Free	N/A	0.20	Average cost per 1/2 pint of milk
Non-Pricing	0.20	N/A	N/A



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SCHOOLS/CAMPS USE THE SPECIAL MILK PROGRAM

USDA FOODS and DOD FRESH

The USDA provides schools with USDA Foods and Department of Defense (DOD) Fresh Fruits and Vegetables for use in preparing school meals.



Did You Know....

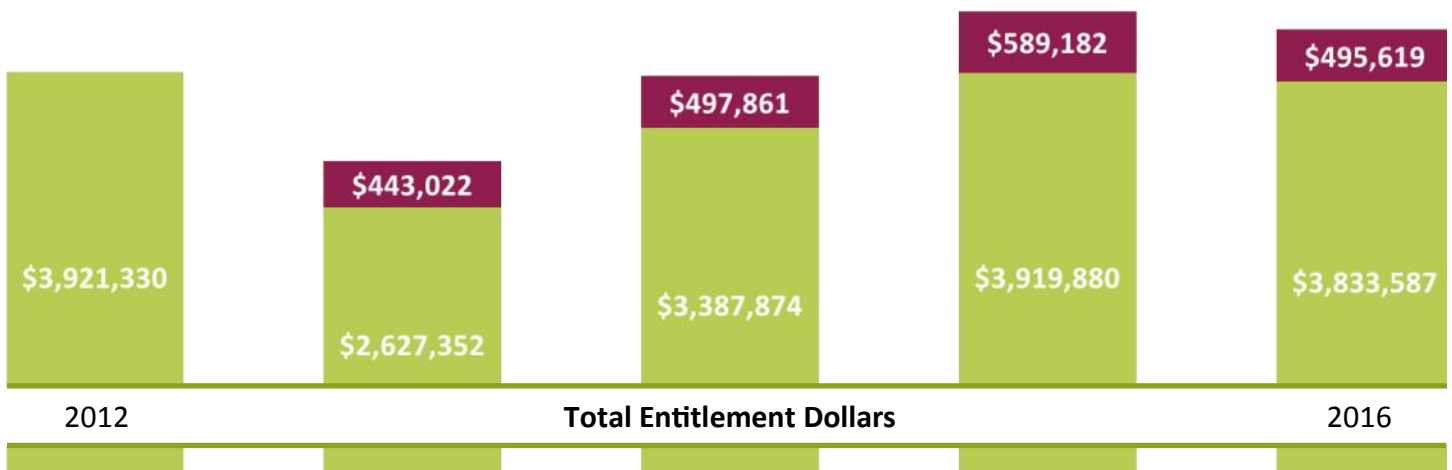
On an average day, USDA Foods make up between 15 and 20 percent of the products served as part of a school lunch.

100%

of foods offered through USDA Foods/DOD

AMERICAN GROWN

■ USDA Foods ■ DOD Fresh



3,436,532

POUNDS OF FOOD DISTRIBUTED TO MONTANA SCHOOLS

SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

The Summer Food Service Program provides free meals to all kids, age 18 and under, during the summer months. No application needed—all kids have to do is show up!



630,449

MEALS SERVED

MT Summer Meal
Sites Located At:

SCHOOLS

PARKS

PUBLIC POOLS

LIBRARIES

HOUSING COMPLEXES

COMMUNITY CENTERS

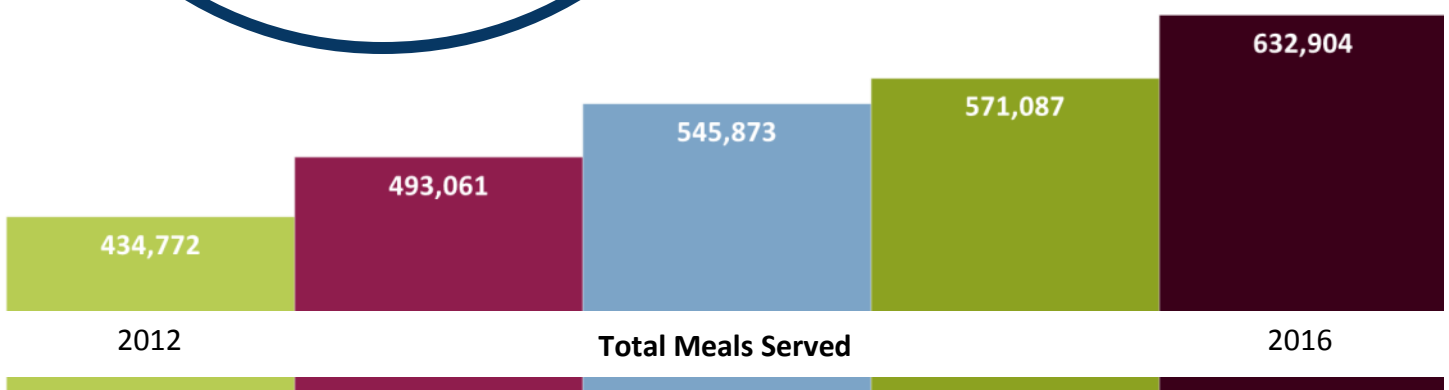
Reimbursement Rates Summer 2016

	Rural/Self-Prep	Urban/Vended
Breakfast	\$2.1325	\$2.0925
Lunch/Supper	\$3.7450	\$3.6850
Snack	\$0.8875	\$0.8650

71%

of MT counties have at least one

SFSP SITE



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NEW SITES OPERATING IN 2016

MONTANA TEAM NUTRITION

The Montana Team Nutrition Program provides professional development opportunities and technical assistance on student wellness.

Team Nutrition Provided:

- ♦ One-on-one nutrition consultations to **17 childcare centers/homes** reaching **1,973 children**.
- ♦ **Four** regional *Montana Cook Fresh* workshops designed to train personnel on culinary techniques when using fresh, whole foods.
- ♦ **Twelve** workshops on behavioral economics cues (also called [Smarter Lunchrooms](#)) which are low cost, no cost techniques to implement in school cafeterias to help nudge students to make healthier choices.
- ♦ **Four** regional *Serving Up Success: Standardized Recipes* workshops designed to teach participants the benefits of and steps to developing standardized recipes.
- ♦ **Fourteen** nutrition education or farm to school workshops to educators or community health partners, or MT FoodCorps serving members.
- ♦ **Three** food safety workshops on School Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point to food service staff.
- ♦ Initiated and providing support to maintain a [Montana Chefs to Schools Network](#). This network of culinarians are willing to partner on food service training opportunities or nutrition education for youth.
- ♦ **Nine** district, regional or statewide presentations on the [USDA's school wellness policy](#) or [Smart Snack rule](#) to school staff, parents, and community partners.
- ♦ Promoted the USDA's free nutrition education curriculums to educators available from [Team Nutrition Program](#) through five workshops and over **50 technical assistances**.
- ♦ In collaboration with Montana Department of Agriculture, developed a "*Montana Foods, What's in it for you*" poster designed to promote eating a variety of Montana foods to teens.

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HOURS OF CONTINUING
EDUCATION PROVIDED

142,204

STUDENTS IMPACTED BY TEAM NUTRITION EFFORTS

MONTANA TEAM NUTRITION

*Montana **Farm to School**, a MT Team Nutrition effort, focuses on local procurement, garden-based nutrition education and community connections through agricultural partners.*



— 2016 Pilot At —

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DISTRICTS

30

SITES

In collaboration with multiple partners, Team Nutrition developed and launched (June 2016) the [Montana Harvest of the Month Program](#) (MTHOM), which is a free, year-long nutrition education and promotion program featuring one Montana food a month. MTHOM materials include a poster, classroom, cafeteria and parent handout, and newsletter information. Secured funding from partners to print 1,000 sets of materials.

MTHOM materials reached over 1,800 students. Participants tried a Montana food in a meal or snack and/or participated in an educational activity. Through these fun, tasty, and educational activities, students were able to try new recipes like kale chips, carrot salad, lentil/beef chili, and beet hummus! Sixty taste tests, 167 educational activities and 106 meals were served featuring a Montana food in the five month pilot phase.



Team Nutrition lead the annual [Montana Crunch Time](#) celebration of Food Day on October 26, 2015. This event was celebrated in 73 schools reaching over **28,000 students and over 2,600 adults**. This event teaches youth fun educational facts through the enjoyment of a Montana or regionally grown apple.

Team Nutrition facilitates the [Montana Farm to School Leadership Team](#). The team strengthens support for Farm to School as a successful strategy for improving children's health. Secured a USDA Farm to School grant of \$18,000 to support the 2016 Montana Farm to School Summit held in September 2016.

\$1,616,180

INVESTED IN LOCAL MT FOOD

40% of
districts participate in
**FARM TO
SCHOOL**
efforts

9,453

STUDENTS AT SCHOOLS PARTICIPATING IN FARM TO SCHOOL

THANK YOU

To Montana School Food Service Professionals,

Thank you for your dedication to the children in your community. You set the stage for life-long learning and healthy living. You make a difference each and every day.

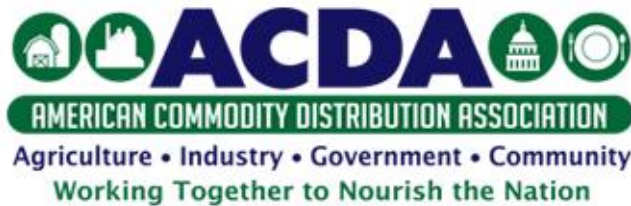
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Montana Farm to School Leadership



YOU make a difference!

Montana Dietetic Internship Program



Enriching Human Well-Being

MSU HEALTH & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT



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Dairy farmers nourishing people and planet with world-class care.



Revenues and Expenses

MONTANA SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAMS

July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016

INCOME	
National School Lunch Program Meals	\$27,376,438
Afterschool Snacks	\$417,304
USDA Foods Entitlement	\$4,329,206
National School Lunch Program (lunches, snacks and commodities)	\$32,122,948
 School Breakfast Program	 \$9,140,080
 Special Milk Program	 \$16,140
 Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program	 \$2,045,126
 Summer Food Service Program	 \$2,023,454
 Total Federal Funding	 \$45,347,748
Total State Matching Funds <i>(minimum required by USDA policy)</i>	\$663,861
 Total Federal and State Funding	 \$46,011,609
EXPENDITURES	
School Expenditures (food, labor, other)	\$57,715,498
Federal and State Reimbursement	\$46,011,609
Student, Adult Payments, General Fund, Other Sources	\$11,703,889

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